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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF SWANZEY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 17, 1865.

KEENE:

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1865.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

WE, the undersigned Selectmen of Swanzey, beg leave to submit the following Report :

APRIL INVOICE, 1864.

Total valuation, including polls,	\$584,148 00
Rate per cent. on one hundred dollars,	1 60
	\$9,346 36
Fraction gained in computing Tax,	18
	\$9,346 54
Non resident highway tax,	72 30
Tax on 92 male Dogs,	92 00
Tax on 9 female Dogs,	18 00
Amount put in Collector's hands,	\$9,528 84

RECEIPTS FOR 1864.

REMAINING IN TREASURY AT THE CLOSE OF REPORT
FOR 1863.

Cash,	\$829 96
Note signed by James Wilson,	30 00
“ “ Bartlett & Holbrook,	31 00
Balance in the hands of Collector, 1863,	416 06
	\$1,307 02

BORROWED.

April 27, 1864.	John Stratton,	\$500 00
May 26, "	Josiah B. Cass,	600 00
" "	Miss E. M. Williams,	100 00
" "	" R. Williams,	50 00
" "	Treas'r of Congregational Society,	120 00
June 17, "	A. Kingsbury,	1500 00
July 2, "	Miss Aurelia Whitcomb,	50 00
" 21, "	D. R. Marshall,	300 00
" "	Nancy M. Leach,	400 00
" 2, "	Calvin Bryant,—estate of,	1000 00
Aug. 13, 1864.	" " "	100 00
" 15, "	Charles H. Howard,	600 00
" 25, "	George Cook,	1000 00
" 30, "	Hannah J. Clark,	300 00
May, 5, "	Francis Cook,	1000 00
July 1, "	Mrs. C. B. Farris,	1000 00
" 15, "	Henry S. Applin,	300 00
Sept. 16, "	Ahaz Cass,	100 00
" 23, "	Cheshire Bank,	2000 00
" "	Ashuelot Bank,	1000 00
" "	George W. Sweetser,	800 00
" "	Charles Marsh,	1100 00
" "	Lewis Carpenter,	600 00
" "	Nathaniel Bourn, Jr.	100 00
" "	Sylvander L. Hovey,	400 00
" "	Lemuel O. Hunt,	400 00
" "	Charles E. Blodgett,	500 00
" "	Edward Dickinson,	450 00
" "	Clark H. Houghton,	500 00
" 7, "	Roswell Whitcomb,	290 41
Oct. 1, "	Elizabeth W. Haskell,	1000 00
" "	Marshal Rixford,	300 00
Oct. 4, "	Zadoc L. Taft,	500 00
" "	Asahel W. Dunton,	500 00
" "	Harriett W. Sweetzer,	100 00
Oct. 5, "	Francis Hills,	198 35
" "	G. G. Willis,	1000 00
" "	Jesse W. Graves,	200 00
" "	Daniel W. Clark,	100 00
Oct. 6, "	L. N. Howes,	300 00

Oct. 6, 1864,	Moses Worster,	325 00
" "	Martha I. Graves,	250 00
" "	Franklin C. Whitcomb,	150 00
Oct. 7,	Henry Starkey, Jr.,	300 00
" "	Daniel Snow,	200 00
" "	Gilbert S. Howard,	100 00
Oct. 17,	Calvin Bryant,—estate of,	100 00
Oct. 29,	" " " "	100 00
" "	Arvilla S. Wilbur,	75 00
Nov. 22,	Noah Youngman,	500 00
Jan. 5, 1865.	Ahaz Cass,	100 00
Jan. 6,	Zadoc L. Taft,	300 00
Jan. 9,	Lyman Holbrook,	125 00
" "	Meranda J. Holbrook,	75 00
Jan. 16,	Lucy A. Taft,	326 00
Feb. 1,	Ahaz Cass,	200 00
Feb. 11,	Susannah Bryant,	100 00
Sept. 2, 1864.	Baley Corlis,	250 00
Sept. 5,	C. Whitcomb & Co.,	10,000 00
" "	J. N. Forristall,	350 00
Sept. 3,	Aaron Dickinson Estate,	300 00
July 2,	Laura Holbrook,	150 00
		\$35,734 76

RECEIPTS CONTINUED.

Total amount of money taxes assessed for 1864,	
including non-resident Highway Tax,	\$9,528 84
State Aid up to May 1, 1864,	3,870 80
First installment of government bounty for nine	
soldiers,	558 00
State Bounty for Soldiers,	2,100 00
" Recruiting fees for nine volunteers,	135 00
From County for support of Andrew J. Underwood,	179 74
State Literary Fund,	130 76
State Railroad Appropriation,	92 61
From sale of Grass in cemetery,	8 00
From sale of Liquor belonging to the Town,	13 00
\$16,716 75	

DISBURSEMENTS.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1863.

A. S. Whitcomb, Town Clerk, Services,	\$48 57	
Josiah Parsons, Selectman,	117 75	
Stephen Faulkner, “	100 24	
Henry Abbott, “	75 25	
A. A. Ware, School Committee,	48 90	
J. G. Huntley, Collector,	49 00	
Enoch Howes, Treasurer,	20 00	
David Parsons, Agent,	15 50	
A. S. Whitcomb, in part for 1864,	52 88	
J. G. Huntley, Collector, “	47 00	
F. R. Peters, Constable, “	17 79	
B. F. Lombard, Moderator, “	5 00	
Rufus Taft, Assessor, “	44 00	
G. G. Willis, “ “	46 00	
Willard Field, “ “	38 00	
V. A. Holbrook, Sexton, Services to Aug. 29, 1864,	31 50	
George Whitcomb, “ “ Oct. 29, “	61 00	
		\$818 38
• Paid State Treasurer State Tax,	\$2,745 00	
Paid County Treasurer County Tax,	1,019 40	
		\$3,764 40

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Willard Gay, repairing Bridge in Dist. No. 3,	\$17 00	
David Parsons, repairing Bridge,	17 31	
G. H. Moore, Snowing Bridge winter of 1863-4,	4 00	
Irus Metcalf, Snowing Bridge winter of 1863-4,	5 00	
George Cross, Snowing Bridge winter of 1863-4,	6 00	
Paid for Bridge Plank,	204 71	
Henry Metcalf, Snowing Bridge winter of 1864-5,	5 00	
		\$259 02

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

District No. 1.	J. N. Forristall,	\$80 65
“ “ 2.	L. N. Howes,	156 04
“ “ 3.	Edward Wilcox,	74 88
“ “ 4.	Benj. F. Mead,	70 89
“ “ 5.	T. T. Wetherbee,	125 67
“ “ 6.	J. H. Olcott,	65 21

District No.	7.	Wm. P. Colburn,	90 66
"	"	8. H. H. Bolles,	91 55
"	"	9. Thayer Thompson,	89 47
"	"	10. John W. Starkey,	130 94
"	"	11. Alfred Britton,	182 77
"	"	12. Jonathan Hill,	40 00
"	"	13. P. W. Foster,	121 85
			\$1,320 58

TOWN BOUNTIES TO DRAFTED SOLDIERS OR THEIR SUBSTITUTES.

William Oakman,	\$300 00
Silas W. Ballou,	300 00
Albert R. Ballou,	300 00
George A. Hayward,	300 00
Charles Temple,	300 00
Asahel W. Dunton,	300 00
Moses D. Ballou,	300 00
George H. Moore,	300 00
Ansel B. Dickinson,	300 00
Johh W. Taggard,	300 00
Timothy Sherman,	300 00
	\$3,300 00

TOWN BOUNTIES TO VETERAN SOLDIERS RE-ENLISTED.

Henry S. Applin,	\$300 00
Amos E. Cummings,	300 00
Joseph Cross,	300 00
Elbridge Prentice,	300 00
John A. Breed,	300 00
Aaron Dickinson,	300 00
	\$1,800 00

TOWN AND STATE BOUNTIES TO VOLUNTEERS.

John F. Hunt,	\$1200 00
Orick S. Haskell,	1200 00
Warren A. Pickering,	1200 00
William N. Ripley,	1200 00
Ira A. Hooper,	1200 00
Geo. W. Sweetser,	1200 00
John P. Hill,	1200 00
Charles Marsh,	1200 00

Jotham M. Ballou,	1200 00
Martin Jewell,	1200 00
Lewis Carpenter,	1200 00
Nathaniel Bourn, Jr.	600 00
J. Q. A. Wilson,	600 00
Sylvander L. Hovey,	600 00
Lemuel O. Hunt,	600 00
Charles B. Blodgett,	600 00
Benjamin F. Clark,	600 00
Edward Dickinson,	600 00
Jonas C. Waters,	600 00
Clark H. Houghton,	600 00
Fred. E. Sebastian,	600 00
Oratus J. Very,	600 00
George Burns,	575 00
Daniel W. Clark,	600 00
Charles H. Howard,	600 00
George E. Whitcomb,	600 00
J. N. Forristall	600 00
George Willis,	600 00
Lyman C. Willis,	600 00
Charles Bowles,	600 00
Josiah Parsons,	300 00
Benjamin H. Richardson,	300 00
James C. Eames,	300 00
Orloe E. Parsons,	300 00
Thayer Thompson,	300 00
George W. Eastman,	300 00
James H. Olcott,	300 00
Henry C. Clark,	300 00
\$26,975 00	

STATE AID TO SOLDIER'S FAMILIES.

Samuel Rockwood, from Mar. 1, '64, to Mar. 1, '65,	\$144 00
Gardner Wheeler, from Feb. 28, '64, to Nov. 28, '65,	108 00
Chas. N. Sebastian, from Mar. 1, '64, to Mar., '65,	52 00
John A. Breed, from Feb. 28, '64, to Mar. 13, '65,	150 00
Amos E. Cummings, fr. Feb. 28, '64, to Feb. 28, '65,	96 00
Luther Smith, from Feb. 22, '64, to Feb. 22, '65,	115 00
William Sebastian, from Mar. 1, '64, to Mar. 1, '65,	138 00

Bradley P. Lamson, from Mar. 1, '64 to Mar. 1, '65,	96 00
Charles G. Gilmore, " " "	96 00
Charles H. Gove, " " "	144 00
William Stone, " " "	72 00
Amasa Davis, from Feb. 22, '64, to Dec. 1, '64,	87 60
Charles R. Applin, from Feb. 23, '64, to Feb. 23, '65,	81 60
Samuel Mattoon, from Feb. 22, '64, to Feb. 22, '65,	144 00
John Barber, from Oct. 1, '63, to Mar. 1, '65,	136 00
John S. Thayer, from Feb. 22, '64, to Feb. 22, '65,	68 00
George P. Ward, " " "	48 00
Cyrus W. Stanley, from Feb. 28, '64, to Nov. 28, '64,	36 00
Henry P. Read, from Feb. 28, '64, to Oct. 28, '64,	72 00
Elbridge G. Prentice, fr. Feb. 21, '64, Feb. 3, '65,	144 00
Joseph Cross, from Mar. 3, '64, to Mar. 3, '65,	48 00
Henry S. Applin, from Feb. 28, '64, to Feb. 1, '65,	108 80
Harrison Ward, from Feb. 22, '64, to Feb. 22, '65,	144 00
Horace B. Starkey, from May 1, '64, to Mar. 1, '65,	80 00
Lincoln Whelock, from Feb. 22, '64, to Feb. 22, '65,	48 00
Franklin C. Whitcomb, fr. Mar. 3, '64, to Mar. 3, '65,	48 00
A. W. Tupper, from Feb. 22, '64, to Feb. 22, '65,	96 00
Franklin Burbank, " " "	48 00
Leonard S. Holden, " " "	48 00
William Eastman, from Jan. 5, '64, to Oct. 26, '64,	38 60
Lemuel O. Hunt, from Sept. 15, '64, to Feb. 28, '65,	44 00
Nathaniel Bourn, Jr. " " "	66 00
William N. Ripley, " " "	66 00
Benjamin F. Clark, " " "	66 00
John F. Hunt, " " "	66 00
George W. Sweetser, " " "	44 00
Orick L. Haskell, " " "	66 00
Martin Jewell, " " "	66 00
Ira A. Hooper, " " "	44 00
Jotham M. Ballou, " " "	22 00
Warren Pickering, " " "	22 00
John P. Hill, from Feb. 28, '64, to Feb. 28, '65,	60 00
J. Q. A. Wilson, from Feb. 13, '64, to Feb. 28, '65,	66 00
Aaron Dickinson, from May 1, '63 to Nov. 1, '64,	144 00
Luther Beal, from May 1, '63, to Nov. 13, '63,	53 20
Noyce G. Wheeler, from Apr. 22, '63, to Oct. 22, '63,	48 00
D. W. Buffum, 2d, fr. Oct. 23, '62, to July 23, '63,	36 00

\$3,714 80

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID SINCE REPORT FOR LAST YEAR.

Demerit Stone note and interest,	\$85 57
Interest on notes at Savings Bank, Keene,	660 00
Adams Kingsbury, interest,	30 00
Interest on Pierce notes,	420 00
Almira Hews, on note,	17 41
Hiram Whitcomb, note and interest,	462 00
George W. Abbott, " " "	1415 20
Cheshire Bank, " " "	2012 00
Ashuelot Bank, " " "	1006 00
J. W. Graves, endorsed on note,	25 00
Sylvander L. Hovey, note and interest,	402 64
Daniel Snow, " " "	200 00
Gilbert S. Howard, " " "	100 00
Extra Interest paid,	814 75
John Stratton, note and interest,	107 50
Enoch Howes, interest on note,	84 00
John Stratton, endorsed on note,	110 00
A. & J. Holbrook, interest on note,	45 00
Charles E. Blodgett, endorsed on note,	50 00
Lewis Campbell, interest,	30 00
Alcista Bryant, note and interest,	123 94
Nathaniel Bourn, Jr., note and interest,	102 12
Roswell Whitcomb, " " "	490 41
C. Dodge, interest on note,	18 00
	\$8,811 54

SUPPORT OF POOR.

John W. Starkey, to Jan. 1, 1865,	\$790 00
Asylum for the Insane at Concord, for support of Sarah Dickinson, A. J. Underwood, and John Hills,	446 16
House of Reformation for support of Jacob Stephenson,	12 14
	\$1,248 30

INCIDENTALS.

Public Watering Places, 7 in number,	21 00
Blank Books, Stationery, Postage and Revenue Stamps,	32 22

G. G. Willis, for damage sustained by reason of a defect in the highway,	125 00	
H. Underwood and Seth Belding, for Services rendered the Assessors,	2 00	
Lowell Hammond, for Tolling Bell, 1863,	7 00	
Enoch Howes, " " " "	3 00	
Edmund Stone, Expenses to Concord with John Hills,	17 00	
Expenses Perambulating Town Lines,	12 50	
J. Parsons' Expenses to Lebanon and Concord,	9 75	
Express on money from Concord,	50	
J. Parsons' Expenses to Lebanon,	6 75	
" " Springfield and Worcester,	11 50	
" " Concord,	11 30	
Horatio Kimball, Printing Town Report for 1863,	20 00	
Prescott Coburn for Damages to Sheep by Dogs,	16 50	
Philemon Foster, " " "	12 00	
Express on Package from Concord,	2 25	
Abatement of Taxes for 1863,	37 56	
Discount for over Taxes for 1864,	63 80	
Cheshire County Bank, discounting check,	1 50	
Referees on Willis damage case,	1 50	
Martin Mason, Jr., for Tolling Bell from Sept. 2, 1864, to Feb. 14, 1865,	5 50	
Non Resident Highway Tax,	11 95	
L. N. Howes, Services,	1 75	
Telegraphic Dispatch from Worcester,	70	
Paid Government Tax to various Banks for Discounting Notes,	10 68	
		\$445 21

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

In the Treasury at the close of Report for 1863,	\$890 96
Balance of Tax in Collector's hands, for 1863,	416 06
Borrowed since Report for last year,	35,734 76
Total amount of money taxes assessed for 1864,	
including non-resident Highway Tax,	9,528 84
State Railroad Appropriation,	92 61
State Literary Fund,	130 76

State Soldiers' Aid up to May 1, 1864,	3,870 80
State Bounty for Soldiers,	2,200 00
" Recruiting fees for nine volunteers,	135 00
First installment of government bounty for nine soldiers,	558 00
From County for support of Andrew J. Underwood,	179 74
From sale of Liquor belonging to the Town,	13 00
From sale of Grass in cemetery,	8 00
Total amount of Receipts,	<u>\$53,758 53</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Town Officers,	\$818 38
Paid State Treasurer State Tax,	2,745 00
Paid County Treasurer County Tax,	1,019 40
Repairs of Roads and Bridges,	259 02
Support of Schools,	1,320 58
Bounties paid 55 Soldiers,	32,075 00
State Aid to Soldiers' Families,	3,714 80
Notes and Interest Paid,	8,811 54
Incidentals,	445 21
Support of Poor,	1,248 30
Remaining in Collectors hands,	644 84
Remaining in the Treasury, Cash,	595 46
Bartlett & Holbrook Note,	31 00
James Willson Note,	30 00
	<u>\$53,758 53</u>

LIABILITIES.

(Date of)	
Dec. 3, 1861.	Note at Savings Bank, Keene, interest paid to Jan. 1, '65, \$1000 00
Sept. 24, 1862.	Note at Savings Bank, Keene, interest paid to Jan. 1, '65, 6000 00
Nov. 3, 1862.	Note at Savings Bank, Keene, interest paid to Jan. 1, '65, 2000 00
Jan. 1, " "	J. W. Starkey Note, int. not paid, 500 00
July 1, " "	J. W. Starkey Note, int. not paid, \$200 endorsed, 500 00
Dec. 1, 1863.	Nathan Winch Note, int. not paid, 1562 50
Nov. 1, " "	Enoch Howes Note, one year's interest paid, 1400 00
Oct. 6, " "	A. J. Holbrook Note, int. paid to Oct. 6, '64, 750 00

Jan. 1, 1864.	Lewis Campbell Note, int. paid	
	to Jan. 1, '65,	500 00
" "	A. Kingsbury Note, int. paid to	
	Jan. 1, '65,	500 00
Jan. 1, 1865.	Almira Hewes Note, int. paid,	50 00
Nov. 15, 1863.	F. C. Whitcomb Note, int. not paid,	157 50
Jan. 24, 1863.	J. D. Ware Note, int. paid 1 year,	350 00
" "	C. Dodge Note, int. paid 2 years,	300 00
Jan. 26, 1863.	Alvan Starkey, " " 1 year,	4000 00
May 26, 1864.	Josiah B. Cass Note, int. not paid,	600 06
Mar. 3, 1863.	Nancy M. Leach, " " "	225 00
Apr. 1, 1863.	John Withington, " " "	130 00
Apr. 11, "	Mrs. Wm. H. Knight, " " "	200 00
Apr. 21, "	Luke Ellor, " " "	200 00
May 8, "	Luke Ellor, " " "	300 00
Oct. "	Luke Ellor, " " "	107 00
Nov. 30, "	Laura Holbrook, " " "	500 00
Dec. 16, "	John Stratton Note, endorsed \$110,	300 00
Dec. 30, "	Almira Sawyer Note, " " "	75 00
Dec. 25, "	Savings Bank, Keene, Note, interest	
	paid to Jan. 1, 1865,	2000 00
Dec. 29, "	Benj. Pierce, and other 3 notes,	
	1 year's interest paid,	7000 00
Apr. 27, 1864.	John Stratton Note, int. not paid,	500 00
May 26, "	Miss E. M. Williams Note, int do.,	100 00
" "	" R. Williams, " " "	50 00
" "	Treas'r of Congregational Society,	
	Note, int. not paid,	120 00
June 17, "	A. Kingsbury Note, int. not paid,	1500 00
July 2, "	Aurelia Whitcomb, " " "	50 00
July 21, "	D. R. Marshall, " " "	300 00
" "	Nancy M. Leach, " " "	400 00
July 2, "	Calvin Bryant Estate, " " "	1000 00
Aug. 13, "	" " " " " " "	100 00
Aug. 15, "	Chas. H. Howard, " " "	600 00
Aug. 25, "	George Cook, " " "	1000 00
July 2, "	Laura Holbrook, " " "	150 00
Aug. 30, "	Hannah J. Clark, " " "	300 00
Sept. 5, "	C. Whitcomb & Co., " " "	10,000 00
Sept. 2, "	Baley Corlis, " " "	250 00
Sept. 5, "	J. N. Forristall, " " "	350 00

Sept. 3, 1864,	A. Dickinson Estate, note, in. not pd	300 00
May 5, "	Francis Cook, "	1000 00
July 1, "	Mrs. C. B. Ferris, "	1000 00
July 15, "	Henry S. Applin, "	300 00
Sept. 16, "	Ahaz Cass, "	100 00
Oct. 1, "	Elizabeth W. Haskell, "	1000 00
" "	Marshall Rixford, "	300 00
Oct. 4, "	Zadoc L. Taft, "	500 00
" "	Asahel W. Dunton, "	500 00
" "	Harriet M. Sweetser, "	100 00
Oct. 5, "	Francis Hills, "	198 35
" "	G. G. Willis, "	1000 00
" "	Jesse W. Graves, "	175 00
" "	Daniel W. Clark, "	100 00
Oct. 6, "	L. N. Howes, "	300 00
" "	Moses Worster, "	325 00
" "	Martha I. Graves, "	250 00
" "	F. C. Whitcomb, "	150 00
Oct. 7, "	Henry Starkey, Jr., "	300 00
Oct. 17, "	Calvin Bryant Estate, "	100 00
Oct. 29, "	Calvin Bryant Estate, "	100 00
" "	Arvilla S. Wilbur, "	75 00
Nov. 22, "	Noah Youngman, "	500 00
Jan. 5, 1865.	Ahaz Cass, "	100 00
Jan. 6, "	Zadoc L. Taft, "	300 00
Jan. 9, "	Lyman Holbrook, "	125 00
" "	Meranda J. Holbrook, "	75 00
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Feb. 1, "	Ahaz Cass, "	200 00
Sept. 23, 1864.	George W. Sweetser, "	800 00
" "	Charles Marsh, "	1100 00
" "	Lewis Carpenter, "	600 00
" "	Lemuel O. Hunt, "	400 00
" "	Chas. E. Blodgett, "	450 00
" "	Edward Dickinson, "	450 00
" "	Clark H. Houghton, "	500 00
Sept. 7, "	Roswell Whitcomb, "	290 41
Feb. 8, 1865.	Wheeler & Faulkner, "	179 97
Feb. 9, "	Orloe E. Parsons, "	300 00
" "	Thayer Thompson, "	300 00
" "	Josiah Parsons, "	300 00

Feb. 11, 1865, Susannah Bryant Note, int. not pd.,	100 00	
Estimated due Town Officers for 1864,	700 00	
Estimated Interest due on Notes,	1800 00	
		\$66,046 73
Minus Endorsements amounting to,	310 00	
		\$65,736 73

ASSETS.

Cash in the Treasury,	\$595 46	
In the hands of the Collector,	644 84	
James Wilson Note,	30 00	
Due from State, State aid to Soldiers' Families,	3000 00	
Bounties for Soldiers Assumed and paid by the Town,	6000 00	
Second and third installment of General Govern- ment Bounties for nine men,	1080 00	
From County for support of A. J. Underwood,	110 74	
		\$11,461 04

CONCLUSION.

Total amount of Liabilities,	\$65,736 73	
Total amount of Assets,	11,461 04	
Leaving the Indebtedness of the Town at this date, February 17, 1865.	\$54,275 69	

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH PARSONS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
STEPHEN FAULKNER,	
HENRY ABBOTT,	

of
Swansey.

MOUNT CÆSAR CEMETERY.

WE would beg leave further to say, that since closing the foregoing report we have received an account from George Whitcomb, in relation to the sale of Lots and Grass in the Mount Cæsar Cemetery, in which account the said Whitcomb charges himself as follows :

FROM 1859 TO 1864 INCLUSIVE.

To proceeds of Sale of 36 Lots,	\$113 66
To proceeds of Sale of Grass,	10 58

Amounting to,	\$124 24
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And the said Whitcomb discharges himself as follows :

For Labor performed during the same time,	
setting out trees, &c.,	\$24 00

Leaving Balance in said Whitcomb's hands,	\$100 24
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JOSIAH PARSONS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
STEPHEN FAULKNER,	
HENRY ABBOTT,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Swanzey.</i>

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

THE Superintending School Committee of Swanzey, for the year ending March 14th, 1865, respectfully submits to the Town the following Report, as required by law.

These facts and suggestions are presented, not merely as a matter of form and to answer the demands of the law, but for the purpose of strengthening the interest of all classes in the community,—of parents, teachers and scholars,—in the work of educating our youth. If it is noble to plant and cultivate an oak for the benefit of future generations, how much more noble and praise-worthy is it to give our aid and influence in training and polishing the immortal mind,—the mind whose influence for good or evil will be felt long after the mightiest monarchs of the forest shall be laid low.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

No. 1. This school was well taught and successfully managed, both in the summer and winter, by Miss Cornelia M. Hubbard,, the faithful teacher of several previous terms. In all the branches of study to which attention was given, decided improvement was manifested—and mutual feelings of respect existed between teacher and pupils.

No. 2. The Summer term was under the instruction of Miss N. J. Matthews. She labored faithfully and with pretty good success.

Alonzo A. Ware taught in the winter. Two interesting scholars died during the term of school ; and sickness was almost the entire cause of all cases of absence. Only four scholars were tardy ; and for the last three winters at least, no tardy mark has been registered against the names of a large majority of the members of this school. While all these scholars did *pretty* well, others did *very* well, and others still better,—in all respects they conducted themselves *nobly*.

No. 3. Taught in the summer by Miss Lucie A. Taylor. She succeeded very well. Good order and a fair degree of improvement were the result of her well directed efforts. There was, however, in this school and most of the others in town, a neglect in teaching and illustrating the first principles of science, and of combining common practical questions with those of the text books.

The teacher of the Fall term was Miss Katie C. Goodnow. This school closed prematurely, and there was no public examination at its close. It appeared well at the commencement of the term.

No. 4. The reputation of this school has been very well sustained. To its faithful and accomplished teacher for the year, Miss A. C. M. Herrick, much credit is due.

No. 5. An excellent Summer school was taught by Miss Mary E. Campbell. Some of its characteristics were good order, close attention to study, and a determination to have that which was attempted to be learned well understood. Much attention was given to the sounds of the letters, the meaning of words, and to reading. The lessons in reading were short, but thoroughly studied. The process was slow, but one that well pays the cost.

Miss Ella H. Gay had the management of the Winter

school. She is a thorough teacher, and succeeded very well. Much attention was given to Grammar, and there was decided improvement in that branch of study. The only feature criticised at the closing examination was the want of a little more energy and enthusiasm by the scholars.

No. 6. The Summer term was taught with pretty good success by Miss E. F. Eaton. She is a beginner in school teaching, and evidently needs a little more confidence and preparation to be eminently successful. But persevering effort will overcome all obstacles.

Winter. Taught by Miss Chloe P. Holbrook. This was likewise Miss Holbrook's first attempt at teaching,—but she succeeded well and kept a good school. There are advanced scholars in this school who require and deserve the aid of teachers of no ordinary attainments.

No. 7. Miss Abbie L. Parker, teacher of the Summer term, is also classed among the “beginners.” But considering this fact in connection with the size of the school, she succeeded admirably. Order and progress in studies very good.

Miss Frances A. Chase, a teacher of much experience and of an established reputation, had charge of the Winter term. The school was short, but well managed in all respects. Especially in Reading and Spelling, those two important but much neglected branches, she was eminently successful.

No. 8. Summer. The teacher, Miss Maria A. Kendall, did not succeed in awakening that enthusiasm and love of study which is indispensable in a good school.—An air of listlessness and inactivity pervaded the school-room, and very little was accomplished. This is an unusual feature in this district.

Winter. Miss Abbie L. Parker, teacher. A school, creditable alike to both teacher and scholars, was the result of their united labors. The order was excellent, and the improvement in all respects quite satisfactory.

No. 9. Miss Ellen S. Keith had charge of both terms

of school. In all particulars they were well managed.— Both parents and pupils confided in her ability and faithfulness. There was good progress in all branches of study to which attention was given. Nearly every scholar of suitable age studied Mental Arithmetic, and was quite familiar with its principles. Considerable attention was also devoted to writing, and in this respect no school in town did better than No. 9.

No. 10. Teacher of Summer term, Miss M. L. Eaton. Combining much experience with a natural aptness at teaching, Miss Eaton succeeded well, and made the school all that could reasonably be expected.

Miss Mary S. Whitcomb taught in the winter. She was energetic and faithful, and realized a fair degree of success. If her success was not so great as might be expected or desired, an explanation may be found in the fact that, during the entire term of 12 1-2 weeks, only one individual among the thirty parents and guardians of the scholars visited the school.

No. 11. Summer. This large school, composed of scholars of all ages, was under the instruction of Miss Emily R. Bailey. She is a well qualified, earnest and faithful teacher. A good school was the result of her efforts, though there was, perhaps, a little deficiency in regard to order.

The instructor of the Winter term, Mr. E. C. Haskins, came among us a stranger, but with good recommendations as a teacher. Much was anticipated from his labors; but the result showed that he neither had the requisite experience nor tact to manage successfully so large a school. He would doubtless succeed well in a smaller school; but a *live* teacher is wanted in No. 11. There were nearly as many cases of tardiness in this school as in all others in town combined. This fact leads us to infer that the blame may not rest wholly with the teacher.

No. 12. There was, as usual, but one term of school in this district, and that of only 10 weeks in length,—a

space of time too short to expect great advancement in knowledge. The teacher, Miss Ella E. Rockwood, was quite energetic and intended to do her whole duty. A peculiarity in her style of addressing her scholars operated to her disadvantage, and should be avoided. A little more thorough preparation for the important duties of teacher are kindly suggested by the committee. The closing examination was pretty good. Not an instance of tardiness during the term.

No. 13. Miss Julia B. Foster was the teacher for the year. Her previous reputation as a kind, faithful and zealous teacher has been well sustained. Good progress was made by the pupils in their studies.

GENERAL REMARKS.

It will be seen by the foregoing that our schools for the year just passed have been generally prosperous. There have been no trouble and insubordination, such as were once quite prevalent. There has been an increased attendance, especially of older scholars, over last year.—Still there are defects in all our schools;—the best are not what they should be. Our object, then, should be to ascertain these defects, and, if possible, apply the proper remedy. An almost universal failing in our schools is a want of that life, energy and interest in study, which is indispensable to their success. If scholars would read and recite with that free and perfect sound of voice which they exercise when at play, and would study with the same enthusiasm which they exhibit in their sports, our schools, instead of being dull and tiresome, and of little benefit, would become interesting and profitable. To produce this desired change, the active co-operation of parents with the energetic teacher is greatly needed. They should visit the school often;—they should show to their children the interest which they really feel;—they should demand a school of which they are not ashamed—ashamed neither of the conduct nor attainments of their child-

ren;—one in which they can take an honest pride,—which it is a pleasure to visit, and which will be an honor to the district.

Many of our teachers have had but little experience in the art of teaching. An efficient Teachers' Institute is sensibly needed, and one will probably be held the present season in the county. All who are intending to pursue this noble calling are urged to avail themselves of its benefits

A class, composed of a portion of our teachers and older pupils, has met weekly during the winter for the critical study of Grammar. These meetings have been both interesting and useful.

The only change recommended in school books is Quackenbos' History of the U. S. instead of Goodrich's, where new books were to be purchased and new classes formed. The study of the history of our own country may well claim the attention of all our youth. And this can be attended to at home, during our long vacations, with both pleasure and profit, by the student who is eager for knowledge. In the midst of the momentous events now transpiring, let not the past of our republic be forgotten.

Some of our school houses were pronounced, several years ago, to be sadly behind the times. They have improved but little since. We hope the "good time coming" is not far distant, when the people in Nos. 2 and 7 at least, will be honored with more respectable structures in which to educate their children.

In conclusion, we would urge the necessity of physical and moral training in connection with intellectual culture. Let parents and teachers unite their efforts in educating and developing harmoniously the powers of body and mind, and we may expect our children will be strong and healthy, vigorous in intellect and correct in morals.

ALONZO A. WARE,
Superintending School Committee.

TABLE III.

DISTS.	Prudential Committee.	SUMMER SCHOOLS.		WINTER SCHOOLS.	
		Teachers.	Residence.	Teachers.	Residence.
No. 1.	J. N. Forristall.	Miss Cornelia M. Hubbard,	Royalston, Mass.	Miss Cornelia M. Hubbard,	Royalston, Mass.
No. 2.	Lyman N. Howes.	Miss Nancy J. Matthews,	Swanzey.	Mr. Alonzo A. Ware,	Swanzey.
No. 3.	Edward Wilcox.	Miss Lucie A. Taylor,	Ashby, Mass.	Miss Katie C. Goodnow,	Keene.
No. 4.	Benjamin F. Mead.	Miss A. C. M. Herrick,	Chesterfield.	Miss A. C. M. Herrick,	Chesterfield.
No. 5.	Thomas T. Wetherbee.	Miss Mary E. Campbell,	Chesterfield.	Miss Ella H. Gay,	Swanzy.
No. 6.	James H. Oleott.	Miss E. Francilla Eaton,	West Swanzey.	Miss Chloe P. Holbrook,	West Swanzey.
No. 7.	William P. Coburn.	Miss Abbie L. Parker,	West Swanzey.	Miss Frances A. Chase,	Keene.
No. 8.	Hiram H. Bolles.	Miss Maria A. Kendall,	Troy.	Miss Ellen S. Keith,	West Swanzey.
No. 9.	Thayer Thompson.	Miss Ellen S. Keith,	Sullivan.	Miss Mary S. Whitcomb,	Sullivan.
No. 10.	John W. Starkey.	Miss M. Lovette Eaton,	West Swanzey.	Mr. E. C. Haskins,	West Swanzey.
No. 11.	Alfred Britton.	Miss Emily R. Bailey,	Swanzy.	Miss Ella E. Rockwood,	New Salem, Mass.
No. 12.	Jonathan Hill.			Miss Julia B. Foster,	Swanzy.
No. 13.	P. W. Foster.	Miss Julia B. Foster,	West Swanzey.		West Swanzy.

TABLE IV.

DISTRICTS.	Number of Scholars.	Amount to Each District.	Amount to Each Scholar.
No. 1.	34	\$80 65	\$2 37
No. 2.	61	156 04	2 56
No. 3.	26	74 88	2 88
No. 4.	31	70 89	2 28
No. 5.	36	125 69	3 49
No. 6.	21	65 21	3 10
No. 7.	60	90 66	1 51
No. 8.	24	91 55	3 81
No. 9.	46	89 47	1 94
No. 10.	38	130 94	3 44
No. 11.	76	182 77	2 40
No. 12.	8	40 00	5 00
No. 13.	50	121 85	2 43
	511	\$1,320 60	\$2 58

Raised by Taxation,	\$1,194 51
Literary Fund,	126 09
Total,	<u>\$1,320 60</u>

Divided by giving each District \$15 00, and the remainder according to the valuation.

TABLE I.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

DISTRICTS,	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Length of School in Weeks,	7	10	8	7 1-2	9	10	7	8	9	8	10		9
Whole number of Pupils,	28	49	16	21	22	11	50	19	39	26	62		38
Males,	10	23	5	12	10	3	27	8	18	11	27		12
Females,	18	26	11	9	12	8	23	11	21	15	35		26
Average attendance,	27	41	13	19	18	10	44	17	34	20	50		32
Number of pupils over 16 years,	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0		0
Number of pupils under 16 years,	27	46	16	21	22	11	49	19	35	26	62		38
Number of tardy marks,	5	21	2	3	0	5	27	2	10	16	78		70
Number not tardy,	23	34	14	18	22	8	32	17	33	17	22		16
Number not absent half day,	15	6	2	10	3	0	24	11	9	2	9		3
Whole number of visits,	34	70	29	26	44	19	54	23	54	23	67		22
Visits by Superintending School Committee,	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	2	3	2		2
Visits by Prudential Committee,	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	0		0
Wages of teacher per month, including board,	\$17.00	20 00	16 00	17 00	19 48	14 00	16 00	16 00	20 00	20 00	22 0		18 0

TABLE II.

WINTER SCHOOLS.

DISTRICTS,	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Length of School in Weeks,	8	9	6 1-2	8	12	8	7	10	11	12½	8	10	11
Whole number of Pupils,	33	57	23	29	27	18	45	21	41	33	65	8	48
Males,	16	34	10	19	16	10	29	10	21	20	30	6	18
Females,	17	23	13	10	11	8	16	11	20	13	35	2	30
Average attendance,	31	47	18	26	20	15	42	18	37	23	51	6	38
Number of pupils over 16 years,	2	9	0	5	6	3	2	1	3	5	5	3	2
Number of pupils under 16 years,	31	48	23	24	21	15	43	20	38	28	60	5	46
Number of tardy marks,	22	15	2	1	9	24	10	20	15	31	215	0	82
Number not tardy,	27	54	22	28	21	6	40	9	30	18	18	8	19
Number not absent half day,	10	11	3	8	0	1	17	7	16	1	5	1	2
Whole number of visits,	24	40	2	37	34	20	30	24	54	27	60	22	35
Visits by Superintending School Committee,	2		1	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2
Visits by Prudential Committee,	1	1	0	3	1	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	1
Wages of teacher per month, including board,	\$23.0	40 00	19 00	20 00	20 00	22 00	29 60	22 00	20 50	25 00	44 01	15 02	26 00

